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All the Late News from Every Section of South Carolina.

School patrons will be interested to learn that the price of one of the adopted books on the South Carolina list has been lowered. Thompson's History of the United States will hereafter retail at 70 cents instead of 75 cents.

Roseman Hardy, colored, who lives on Mr. J. W. Y. Dickson's place, near Yorkville, brought to The Enquirer office last Saturday, a newly hatched chicken that had four legs, four wings, twenty toes and only one head. It was dead.

While trying to burn out some spider webs in the barn of Bloomfield Bryant a well known Spartanburg R. F. D. carrier, Wednesday afternoon, the barn caught fire and was consumed. The horses and cows were gotten out in time to save them from the flames.

The Naval Militia of South Carolina went into training Monday at Charleston, and will remain until the 24th. The Naval Militia is composed of companies from Beaufort, Georgetown, Charleston and Mt. Pleasant. The Beaufort and Georgetown companies went to Charleston by launch.

Ground was broken Monday morning for the erection of a handsome four-story building for the Peoples National bank and the Peoples Trust company of Rock Hill. The building will be a modern one in every respect, with all the up-to-date conveniences for an office building. J. A. Jones of Charlotte has the contract for the structure.

Adjutant General Boyd has returned to Columbia from Charleston where he went to inspect the Coast Artillery which has been in training for the past several days. The adjutant general was very much pleased with the work of the men. The Coast Artillery of the state is composed of companies from Aiken and Lancaster.

A. C. Floe, a Lancaster county farmer, was dragged to his death Monday afternoon by falling from a mule and being tangled in the harness. He had just finished the day's work. He was dragged from the field some distance to his home. His family witnessed the tragedy, but were powerless to aid him. His body was bruised and his head crushed.

Z. T. Ducker, who was arrested in Spartanburg by Constable Metcalf, was taken to Asheville by Constable Jones. Ducker was arrested in Asheville some time ago on the charge of deserting his family. He gave bonds for his appearance, but some time before the case was called he jumped his bond. He was located in Spartanburg and placed under arrest.

Robert Hunt and Marshall Simmons became engaged in a difficulty last Thursday morning at a o'clock near Pumpkintown in Pickens county. Robert Hunt stabbed Marshall Simmons above the heart and cut him on the arm, besides biting him. Dr. J. M. Crenshaw dressed his wounds and he is doing very well at this writing. They were related and jealousy was the cause of the trouble.

At the meeting of stockholders Saturday of the W. D. Spearman company of Easley, a reorganization made J. E. Hagood president and general manager, vice W. D. Spearman, resigned. This is a stock company with capital of \$10,000 and doing a general mercantile business. Mr. Spearman leaves soon for his country home a few miles south of Easley, where he will rest for a month or two.

Mr. S. M. Jones of Chester made another big deal in cotton Saturday, when he sold to Mr. S. B. Latham, for the Manetta Mills, at Lando, 179 bales of cotton that he has stored at Rock Hill. The cotton, which represents the crop on his Moore place, near Rock Hill, last year, weighed 81,072 pounds, and at 12½ cents netted Mr. Jones \$9,981.98.

South Carolina has been asked to take part in the National Corn Exhibition, which will be held in Omaha from December 6 to 18. All states have been asked to participate. The premium list of the exposition amounts to \$50,000. To the farmer exhibiting the best ear of corn a breakfast food manufacturer offers a \$1,000 gold and silver trophy cup.

The family reunion of the descendants of John and Peggy Peden, the Peden-Alexander-Morton-Morrow family, will be held on the 25th and 26th of this month at the Fairview church in Greenville county. There will be some prominent speakers on the occasion and conveyances will be provided for persons from the nearest point on the railroad, which is Fountain Inn. Information may be had by applying to Mr. A. S. Peden at Fountain Inn.

The body of McIver Reynolds son of Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Reynolds of Spartanburg R. F. D. 1 was identified by the boy's parents at Hendersonville. Young Reynolds had started on a visit to his uncle at Waynesville. Near Hendersonville he was beaten nearly to death by thugs and continued walking toward Hendersonville in a dazed condition. He was struck by a train and killed and his parents went there to view the body.

Mr. W. R. Stephens of near Newry, killed a monster rattler Saturday, 31st of July at his barn door. The snake measured 4 feet and 10 inches and the skin measured 8 inches around. Mr. Stephens lives between two patches of woods and the snake was passing across to the opposite field. Mr. Stephens shot the reptile's head or with his breechloader. It had nine rattles and a button.

The directors of the Newberry mills have let the contract for building the new hundred and twenty-five thousand dollar addition to the mill. The successful bidder was the Gallivan Building company of Greenville. The addition will be at the southern end and will be a wing 80 by 180 feet along O'Neal street, corresponding to the wing at the northern end. It will be three stories high; part of it four stories, counting the basement. Mr. C. C. Davis got the contract for building the fourteen new cottages.

A very interesting fact about the police department of Rock Hill is that it has been self supporting for a number of years. A statement of cash receipts and disbursement of the city from December 9, 1907, to December 31, 1908, twelve months and 21 days, prepared by the American Audit company shows that during the period covered the fines from the police docket amounted to \$2,401.85, and that the disbursements in this department, including salaries, uniforms, horse keep, dieting prisoners, janitor, incidentals, and in fact every expense connected with the department, was \$3,670.82, which gave the city a surplus of \$731.03, after paying all expenses of this department. The records show that the police department has not cost the city anything for several years.

The residence of T. A. Alexander near Gaffney was destroyed by fire with a loss of 2,000.

Several Spartanburg citizens have been arrested and fined for violating the federal cattle quarantine laws.

J. E. Morris, express agent at Santuc, has been arrested on the charge of being short in his accounts with the company.

L. C. Boyle, a well known citizen of Summerville, is dead at his home.

The Seneca town council has adopted a new liquor ordinance. It is much more rigid than the old one.

Seven thousand bottles of beer and sixty gallons of whiskey were seized in Columbia last week.

Mr. J. A. Hemingway has received his appointment as treasurer of Georgetown county from Gov. Ansel.

Frank Miles, colored, was shot and killed in Edgefield county by his nephew, a boy about 16 years of age.

The state constables stationed in Charleston seized 2,376 bottles of beer during Saturday and Saturday night.

The Lancaster county clerk of court reports that liens to the amount of \$471,000 have been filed in his office this year.

Mr. W. R. Snipes killed a big rattlesnake near the Log bridge in Oconee county last week. It had ten rattles and a button.

Mary Manning, colored, was shot and killed at Gaffney by Jack Edwards, also colored. Edwards has been arrested.

Sam Sing has been arrested in Charleston on the charge of smuggling Chinamen in the country.

The children of the Odd Fellows Home are enjoying a week's stay at Caesar's Head. They are under the care of the superintendent and Mrs. Vaughn.

A commission has been issued by the secretary of state to the Stoneboro Saved Stone company of Stoneboro. Capital \$10,000.

Rev. A. A. James, a Presbyterian minister of Jonesville Union county, married his 67th couple a few days ago. He has made 1,340 persons happy—for a while at least.

A commission has been issued to the Sea Island Cotton Oil company of Charleston county. The capital of the company is \$20,000. The petitioners are E. A. Eve, T. T. Hyde and John Rivers.

Rev. W. I. Herbert preached a special prohibition sermon in Charleston Sunday in which he criticised the city council for not attacking the blind tigers.

The farmers around Blacksburg have found small black bugs in their cotton field that are destroying cotton bolls. The bug resembles the boll weevil.

Clyde Lewis, a young white man was arrested at Glendale, Spartanburg county, on Thursday on the charge of stealing \$60 from an old lady who had been employed in the mill there for 30 years.

The Y. M. C. A. building for the Olympia and Granby mills, Columbia, will be opened this week, having been completed and thoroughly furnished under the direction of the President, Mr. Lewis W. Parker.

Mrs. W. H. Lee of Battle Creek, Oconee county, dropped out of a wagon dead while on her way to Clayton, Ga., from Battle Creek last Saturday morning. Death was due to heart failure. Mrs. Lee was 45 years of age. She survived by her husband and three children. Her mother and little son were with her at the time of her death.

Governor M. R. Patterson, of Tennessee, has accepted an invitation to deliver an address at the unveiling of the Kings Mountain monument on October 7. Judge Samuel W. McFall of Boston, will also be a speaker upon the occasion.

Three construction gangs of the Southern Power company will reach Greenville. The work of erecting towers toward Spartanburg is about completed, as only six more will have to be erected before the wires will be ready to be strung.

A report on the work done at the South Carolina Industrial School which is located at Florence has been filed with Gov. Ansel. The school was opened last November. There are twenty three boys in the school. The disbursements for the last six months was \$4,303.83.

What has been pronounced well developed cases of smallpox were found to be the cause of the illness in the family of a negro residing on Lincoln street, opposite the jail in Columbia Thursday. The patients were removed to the pest house, which is situated several miles from the city.

An interesting decision by the state supreme court this week was on a case which came up from Laurens, a suit against Southern Cotton Oil company for the drowning of a small boy named Luther Franks, who lost his life in the alleged reservoir of the company. The company secured a non-suit in the court, but this was reversed.

The many friends of Presiding Elder R. E. Stackhouse of the Rock Hill district, will be sorry to learn that he is quite sick at his home in Rock Hill with acute appendicitis. He was taken sick Saturday morning which made the fourth attack of this terrible affliction he has had this year.

The board of regents for the state hospital for the insane met in Columbia Thursday and practically completed their report to the special legislative committee, appointed to investigate the affairs of the institution. The board will call attention to the lack of money and urge a separation of negro quarters from the white patients.

News has been received at Ware Shoals of the decision rendered by Referee Edward McIver of Cheraw in the suit brought by J. O. C. Fleming, N. B. Dial et al. against Benjamin D. Reigal and the Ware Shoals Manufacturing company et al. The referee decided in favor of the defendants on every point.

During the reunion exercises at Union church, Laurens county, last Saturday a difficulty took place near the church grounds between Will Hamilton and Abe Coats. It is said that both parties were drinking. During the melee Hamilton was shot the ball striking him in the mouth, knocking out several of his teeth.

The many friends throughout the state of the Rev. Alex R. Mitchell, rector of Christ church, Greenville, will be pleased to know that word was received in the city yesterday that he had landed safely at Queens-town and was quite well. Mr. Mitchell sailed from Philadelphia Saturday, July 31, on the steamship Haperford of the American line.

Since the first of July State Superintendent of Education Swearingen has distributed \$4,000 to the weak school of the state. Eleven applications were received today. The amounts given to the schools range from \$100 to \$10. The last legislature appropriated \$20,000 for aid to weak schools. There is a large part of this fund yet available, which will be given out during the fall.

A. C. Sinclair a well known and aged citizen of Bennettsville is dead at his home.

The city council of Yorkville, has decided to pave the principal streets of the town.

Two new carriers will be added to the force at the Spartanburg post office on September 16.

Bascomb Hannah, a negro accidentally shot and killed himself yesterday, while handling a pistol.

Lawrence P. Jones of Westminster died last Wednesday, aged, 27. He leaves a wife and one child.

Postmaster Floyd of Spartanburg has secured a free mail delivery service for the residents of Beaumont and Saxon mill village.

William R. Ables died at his home near Oakway, Oconee county, August 4, of appendicitis, aged 27 years.

Walter Duke, colored, who shot John Minick at Saluda, S. C. four years ago, has been arrested in Florida.

A commission has been issued by the secretary of state to the Home Building and Loan association of Cheraw. The Capital is \$100,000. The petitioners are J. W. Malloy, R. T. Caston, G. W. Duvall, all of Cheraw.

The corner stone of the new graded school building at Easley was laid August, 13th. Jas. L. Michie of Darlington, S. C., who is the grand master of the state conducted the services. Other prominent Masons of the state were present.

The dead body of Curran Sloan colored, was found near the public road one mile north of Seneca, early Wednesday morning. Sloan was seen late Tuesday afternoon near Seneca. It is not known whether his death is due to natural causes or some foul play.

There will be an educational mass meeting at Six Mile, in Pickens county, on Saturday, August, 21st. The railroad station for Six Mile is Norris, on the Southern. J. R. Earle, of Walhalla, has been named as one of the speakers for this occasion.

Mr. F. J. Crider, of St. Matthews, a Clemson graduate of 1909 who for the past year has been in charge of the college horticultural grounds, has left to take up work at the University of Minnesota.

Simeon Gowan, aged 75 years died at his home at Inman Wednesday afternoon. He had been in ill health for some time, and his death was not unexpected. The deceased was a well known farmer of the upper section of Spartanburg county and was a good and substantial citizen.

A petition is being gotten up asking the Abbeville supervisor to put a bridge across Chicasaw on the road between Mr. Joe Nance's and Due West as speedily as possible. The citizens are interested in this matter and hope that the bridge will be put down at once.

Grover Henderson, a young man who lives in the Ezells section of Cherokee county, has been committed to jail by Magistrate Scruggs, of Morgan township, charged with attempted criminal assault upon a young married woman in the upper part of the county.

The Union Progress says that a trolley line connecting Union with several of the most important upcountry cities in this state is understood to be an enterprise which may materialize at an early date. Details as to the proposed line are very meagre but it seems that there are good reasons for believing that Union may soon be connected by electric line with Glenn Springs, Spartanburg, Greenville and other places.

Attorney General Lyon has secured a dismissal of the petition of Saluda county to compel the superintendent of the penitentiary to return certain convicts of that county.

A commission has been issued to the Travellers Rest Telephone company of Traveller's Rest, in Greenville county. Capital \$500. The petitioners of the company are J. H. Roe, Rex Landford and J. R. Anderson.

Mr. John A. McLaurin, a prominent citizen of Bethune, died suddenly at his home Saturday night, being stricken with paralysis as he sat down to the supper table. He was a Confederate veteran, and was about 65 years of age.

The handsome new winter home of Hamilton Carhartt, the well known overall manufacturer is nearing completion. The Carhartt home is located on the west side of Catawba river near the site of the old Dinking ferry, three miles from Fort Mill.

At the meeting of the Beaverdam Baptist association, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year; Moderator, Rev. A. P. Meritt; treasurer, Jas. Seaborn and Earle held their respective offices last year, and Rev. J. H. Stone is the retiring moderator.

President Taft has signed the permit for the Georgia-Carolina Power company to build the dam across Saluda river at Stevens' creek. The power company intends to develop 10,000 horse power and will bring the same to Augusta, Edgefield, Aiken and other counties.

Rev. Mr. Eddy of Florida, is spending the summer in Walhalla. He is a member of the Florida Methodist conference, having been transferred from the South Carolina conference some years ago. Owing to poor health since his residence to Florida, Mr. Eddy will ask in the near future for a transfer back to the South Carolina conference.

A mule kicked Robt. R. Pitts, of Westminster Tuesday morning breaking both the lower jaw and the cheek bone. He was leading the animal when the bridle rein broke, causing it to run off. As Mr. Pitts attempted to catch the mule it kicked with both hind feet and he was hit by one. The lower jaw was broken in the center of the chin.

Last Thursday, Mr. Chas. W. McCravy, who recently resigned the office of auditor, received re-appointment to the office of local census taker for Laurens county. This office includes the gathering of cotton ginnery statistics, and is awarded by the government. Mr. McCravy held this position prior to his election as auditor.

South Carolina's first bale of 1909 crop was sold in Barnwell, Saturday to Molair and Porter, by Mr. R. H. Lutz. The bale weighed 455 pounds, and grades good middling. Mr. Lutz sold to Molair and Porter, the first bale for 1908. The bale was sold to F. W. Wagener & Co., of Charleston, S. C.

State Superintendent of Education Swearingen has returned to Columbia, from a trip through the up-country. While away he attended several educational rallies, and the meeting of the board of commissioners of the Cedar Springs Institute of which he is a graduate.

Ed Thomas a young colored boy, was arrested at Spartanburg on the charge of assault and battery with intent to kill, striking J. H. Cooper, another colored boy, in the head with a rock, fracturing the skull. The wounded boy was taken to the hospital and a large portion of his skull was taken out. Pieces of the bone were found embedded in the brain, and very little hope is entertained for the boy's life.

The White Slave Traffic.

Dear Mr. Watson: Your letter of the 31st ult. to Hon. Clifford G. Roe, assistant State's attorney, after a regretted delay is referred to this committee for reply.

We return the letter attached to yours and regret to say that conditions are bad in this and other cities and that cases are of daily occurrence in the police courts of Chicago which show that white women are living with black men and that there is at least a basis of truth in what "John Franklin" states.

You are aware of what we are endeavoring to do and will be interested to know that considerable progress has been made during the past three months. We found that almost no state had statutes directly applicable to white slavery and laws have been secured in Illinois, Minnesota, North and South Dakota, Pennsylvania, Colorado and Iowa. We have assurance that legislation will be enacted in other states as soon as the legislatures convene. We have an inquiry from a member of the Georgia legislature, but perhaps you will take up the matter in that state to assist the agitation and bring about the enactment of laws such as were framed for Illinois. You probably will have recommendations to make, but the form of three Illinois bills and of the pander act of 1908 are found to be very practical laws for the purpose. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated and we hope you will keep in touch with us.

Respectfully,
Clyde A. Mann,
For the Committee.

Ed. Note: The letter referred to is that of John Franklin, the negro who declared that negro men could buy white women in Chicago at from \$25 to \$50 a piece. Mr. Watson forwarded a copy of the Franklin letter to the Chicago "Committee on Legislation" of the organization which is working for the suppression of this frightful slave-trade.

We earnestly commend to the prayerful attention of the fanatics on Foreign Missions that passage of the committee's letter which admits that there is a basis of truth in what John Franklin said.

Once again—what did John Franklin state? He declared that he had paid \$50 for a white wife, and that he had the pick of twenty-five.

He said that "any negro can buy white women in my city for \$50," and spoke of it as a regular thing. Franklin said that he had had three white wives in his time and "it is no trouble to get one." Said John Franklin, "White women is the cheapest flesh on earth."

And when Mr. Watson sends Franklin's letter to the committee which is trying to break up this damnable slave-trade, asking whether there is any truth in the negro's statement, the committee answers that there is.

Yet, a certain class of preachers are assailing Mr. Watson savagely—calling him all sorts of hard names—because he contends that it is a mistake to send money into heathendom to rescue yellow and brown and black people from vile conditions, when we ourselves are cursed by such a national disgrace as the hideous traffic in white slaves! —Tom Watson's Jeffersonian.

A commission has been issued to the Clyburn Mercantile company of Clio. Capital \$5,000. The company will do a general mercantile business.

Over twelve hundred girls have asked to enter Winthrop College this year. Of that number seven hundred can be accommodated, while the remainder, five hundred have to go to other college, or stay at home.